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Sir:

**FOURTH STATUS INQUIRY**

A Third Status Inquiry was filed on April 25, 2007, regarding the above-identified application. Applicants received a response from the Patent Office dated January 10, 2007 (copy attached) in reply our Second Status Inquiry filed on December 12, 2006, requesting status of the U.S. National Stage Application filed June 21, 2005. The response dated January 10, 2007 indicated that a request was forwarded to a manger in DO/EO/US to expedite the processing of the above-identified application. However, as of this date, we still have not received an Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application. A fourth inquiry is made as to when the Official Filing Receipt will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Mitchard:

This is in response to your communication received 12 December 2006 requesting status of the U.S. national stage application 10/540,152 filed June 21, 2005. As of date, the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) presently has a backlog in processing Notification of Missing Requirements and Filing Receipts for all filed U.S. national stage applications.

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